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[54] **CERTAIN 6,7-DIOXO-2H-PYRROLO-[2,1-B]THIAZINES**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A process for preparing lactams, particularly 1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]octanes, 1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptanes, 4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptanes and 5-thia-1-azabicyclo [4.2.0]octenes, which comprises subjecting a cyclic α-ketoamide to an oxidizing agent to form a carboxyl substituted lactam structure. The oxidant is preferably periodate, in an aqueous solution, at pH 5–9 and room temperature. The novel products obtained from the process are useful intermediates in the preparation of antimicrobial agents. The cyclic α-ketoamide starting materials are also novel.

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